



CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A cleaning apparatus comprising:

a cleaning element support ~~means for carrying the;~~

a cleaning element removable mounted about ~~a sidewall of the support means;~~

a handle coupled to the support ~~means~~, the handle rotatably coupled to the support;

and

powered drive means, carried in the handle and having a rotatable output shaft to the support ~~means~~, for rotating the support ~~means~~ upon activation of the powered drive means:

clamp means, carried on the support for selectively clamping the cleaning element in a fixed position on the support; and

a slot formed along the support for selectively receiving said clamp means.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the cleaning element comprises:

~~a mat having a~~ an exterior surface with cleaning members fixed ~~to thereto~~ the exterior surface of the mat and radially projecting therefrom.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~4~~ 1, wherein the clamp means comprises:

a pivotal member carried on the support ~~means~~, the clamp means pivotal between a first position spaced from the support ~~means~~ to a second position engaged with the cleaning element.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 4 ~~1~~, ~~wherein the clamp means comprises: wherein~~ opposed ends of the cleaning element are spaced from each other when the cleaning element is mounted around the support ~~means; and further including~~ means carried on the opposed ends of the cleaning element for releasably mounting in ~~a slot in the support means~~ in said slot. ~~and~~

~~a clamp member releasably mounted in the slot for fixing the ends of the cleaning element in the slot.~~

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein:
the cleaning element extends over substantially an entire exterior surface of the support means.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amendment) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:
an attachment carrying an auxiliary cleaning element mountable on an end of the support means.

18. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 17 wherein:
the auxiliary attachment is releasably mountable on an end of the support means.

19. (Currently Amended) The cleaning apparatus of claim 1 wherein the support means comprises:

container means for carrying a fluid; and
an aperture formed in the container means for dispensing fluid from the container means to the cleaning element ~~disposed about the container means~~.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)

24. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said support has a cylindrical configuration.

25. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein opposed ends of the cleaning element are spaced from each other such that a space is defined between said ends and said slot of said support is located along said space.

26. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said clamp means comprises a strip

26. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said clamp means comprises a strip portion with a plurality of extending teeth to facilitate engagement with said cleaning element.

27. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said clamp means has first and second ends with teeth for selectively engaging recesses formed at either end of the support slot.

28. (New) A cleaning apparatus comprising:
a cleaning element support;
a cleaning element removably disposed about said support;
a handle coupled to the support;
powered drive means in the handle for selectively rotating the support relative to the handle;
a slot formed along the support;
wherein opposed ends of the cleaning element are spaced from one another and are selectively disposed in said slot for securing the cleaning element in fixed position on the support.

29. (New) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein said slot includes a running rib for separating the opposed ends of the cleaning element when said ends are mounted in said slot.

30. (New) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein said support has a cylindrical configuration.

31. (New) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein said cleaning element has an exterior surface with a plurality of cleaning element projections fixed thereto and radially projecting therefrom.

32. (New) The apparatus of claim 28, further including clamp means carried on the

support for moving between a first open position and said closed position, said second closed position having the clamp means positioned in said slot and between said disposed opposed ends of said cleaning element for preventing dislodgement thereof from said slot.

33. (New) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein said support includes a core having circumferentially spaced interiorly formed ribs for selectively mating with circumferentially spaced recesses of a rotatable spindle extending from said handle.

34. (New) A cleaning apparatus comprising:
a cleaning element support;
a cleaning element removably disposed about said support;
a handle coupled to the support;
powered drive means in the handle for selectively rotating the support relative to the handle;
a slot formed along the support;
wherein opposed ends of the cleaning element are spaced from one another and are selectively disposed in said slot;
wherein the support carries a clamping device selectively receivable in said slot when said opposed ends are disposed in said slot for engaging said opposed ends in order to secure the cleaning element in fixed position on the support.

35. (New) The apparatus of claim 34, wherein said support has a cylindrical configuration and said cleaning element is in the form of a sheet or a tube.